

INDUSTRIES MUST KEEP WORKERS FIT, SAVANTS ARE TOLD

U. S. Engineer Discusses Efficiency Problems. Tests of "Brightness" and "Dulness" of Pupils.

What the Scientists Say: The country is in danger of too much system. Philadelphians who enjoy fresh tomatoes during the winter are in danger of "hooking" the plants.

Blood-pressure tests to determine the cause of ailments among children, and the study of coal mine explosions were among the many subjects discussed today at the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

O. P. Hood, chief mechanical engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines, said that there was a growing feeling that every industry "should receive its workers each day in fit condition and brighten their homes whole and in like fit condition."

Throughout the country, Mr. Hood said, there was a movement on foot to bring about safety in the great industrial plants. This movement had met with approval in the legislatures of many States.

"Each engineer, mechanical, electrical, and mining, is now adding to his work from new angle. Guards, guides and protective devices are added where it is perfectly evident these devices should have been before, but it becomes equally evident that this is in a most superficial and inadequate treatment of a subject of large proportions."

"Every industry will present similar safety problems that are being met more carefully than can be expected of the unaided industrial organization. It is in this phase of safety engineering that I wish to especially emphasize."

"There are several agencies that can be expected to meet in various degrees this need. One of the most promising is that of co-operation between a group of members of industry and established laboratories. Federal, State or educational, which laboratories may be especially fitted by men and equipment for investigating the special problem in hand."

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTS. Miss Louise Stevens Bryant, attached to the Criminal Division of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, spoke before the educational section of the convention.

She told of recent blood pressure research work among feeble-minded children according to Miss Bryant, variable blood pressure appears to accompany feeble-mindedness.

A recent experiment on 20 girls at the Allegheny Reformatory showed that the blood pressure of the normal child varied but little between any one of four tests, while that of the feeble-minded girls showed a wide variation.

How the slightest disturbances in the nervous system may occur and mar the mental health and vitality of school children was described by Dr. Maximilian Grossmann, director of the National Association for the Study and Education of Exceptional Children, who spoke on "The School Child" before the educational division. He said:

"We may divide children into three types: of exceptionally bright children, using this term as meaning children who are in advance of their fellows of same age, especially in school work; of children of average intelligence, who are not altogether an index of real mental capacity. The very first group of children which we may consider does not necessarily represent brightness or talent, and the acquisition of success, at least, temporary success."

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ARE BRIDES IN DOUBLE WEDDING

Mrs. Forbes Married by Rector Who Officiated at First Ceremony. A widowed mother and her daughter and two Greenburg, Pa., men were the principals in a double wedding at the Church of the Ascension, Broad and South streets, this morning.

MOVIE THEATRES ANNOUNCE TAYLOR TRANSIT MEETING

Representatives of 100,000 Persons Conferred With Director Yesterday. In every part of this city today moving picture theatres reminded the public of the rapid transit demonstration to be held in the Academy of Music January 14.

Director Taylor said the same thing yesterday to representatives of 220 business, improvement and trade organizations at an enthusiastic meeting in the assembly room of the Bourse.

The Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce and the United Business Men's Association were among the bodies represented and it was agreed unanimously that Councils be urged to call a special election that the people may vote to increase the city's borrowing capacity and thus obtain funds to construct the proposed high-speed lines.

Director Taylor explained the transit plans and displayed maps and charts to show that residents of every section of the city would benefit by construction of the proposed system.

Those present represented more than 100,000 persons, and many of the organizations arranged to march to the rapid transit demonstration in a body.

The Academy of Music meeting January 14 will be preceded by a street parade in which the sailors, marines and the workmen of League Island Navy Yard, as well as the business men's and industrial organizations of the city will participate.

SENATE PLANS AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD WILSON

Lull in Patronage War Likely to Be Followed by Action. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—That the air of "watchful waiting" that the Senate assumed yesterday in the lull that characterized the contest between the President and members of that body over the patronage question is apt to take aggressive form today is the indication at the Capitol.

Senators are keenly aroused over the situation, as they regard the action of the President of retaining in office appointees after they had been rejected by the Senate as a clear violation of the Constitution. The next batch of nominations sent to the Senate from the White House is awaited with more than usual interest.

DOBSON STRIKE ENDED

Mill Owner Promises to Remove Causes of Complaint. The striking blanket weavers in the John and James Dobson Company mills, Scott's lane, Falls of Schuylkill, returned to their work in the mill today. All their grievances, they declared, had been settled.

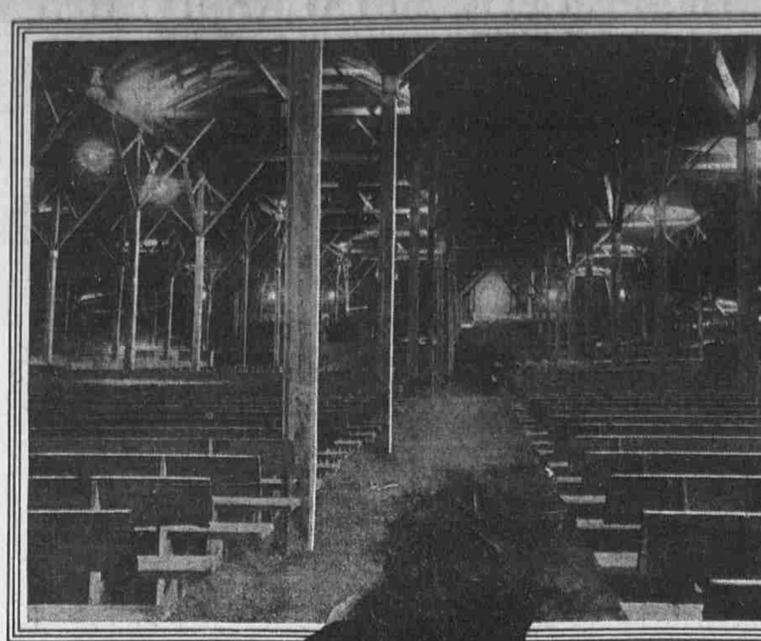
A committee of four strikers called on James Dobson, head of the mill, this morning and presented a list of complaints. They asked for living wages and asked the material with which they worked was such that it was in many cases impossible to earn a decent day's pay.

The meeting took place in Mr. Dobson's office. When all was satisfactorily settled, the committee members joined their brother-workers outside, and the 18 strikers decided to return to work at noon.

ALIENS ON PUBLIC WORK

New York's Prohibitory Act Declared Unconstitutional. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court this afternoon handed down two important decisions, which will probably settle for all time the question of employing alien labor on the construction of subways. It was held, in reversing the ruling of a lower court, in the case of a contractor convicted of a misdemeanor on the charge of employing alien labor that the act which allows foreign labor shall not be employed on public works in this state, is unconstitutional.

VIEW DOWN SAW-DUST TRAIL IN SUNDAY TABERNACLE



STATE EDUCATORS GIVE PHILADELPHIA WOMAN HIGH OFFICE

Miss Maguire Elected Vice President of Association. Teachers' Pension Bill Favored. HARRISBURG, Dec. 31.—With the selection of Scranton as the place for the next annual meeting, the State Educational Association ended today its 65th meeting.

The association went on record as favoring a teachers' retirement and pension bill and a \$20,000,000 biennial appropriation for schools, instead of the \$15,000,000 appropriation now allowed by the Legislature.

Miss Margaret Maguire, of Philadelphia, was elected vice president; J. P. McCaskey, of Lancaster, secretary, and D. S. Keck, of Kutztown, treasurer. C. B. Connelly, of Pittsburgh, was chosen as a member of the executive committee, and C. D. Koch, of Harrisburg, to represent the association in the educational council.

The association has 9125 members and has a cash balance of \$7078. The sum of \$1000 was appropriated for the use of the Legislative Committee for printing and for work for the passage of bills.

C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke on the "Peace Movement." He said the pupils should not be taught the glamour and glory of war, but rather to regard the State as an organization of force backed by justice and tempered with mercy.

Other recommendations approved included those extending the vocational school revision of the rural education laws, providing for the appointment of two inspectors of rural schools to work under the supervision of the Department of Public Instruction, providing for changes in the child labor laws, so that educational and health tests be left flexible, and advocating the return of labor certificates, when not in use, to the issuing authorities.

Resolutions were adopted praising Governor-elect Brumbaugh and commending his Department of Public Instruction for its work in extending vocational schools.

ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL ON LAST DAY OF YEAR

Body of Man Found at 56th and Ludlow Streets. The body of a well-dressed man, about 36 years old, was found behind Kolb's bakery, 56th and Ludlow streets, this morning by Policemen Dismale, of the 6th and Pine streets station. The man had shot himself through the head with a new revolver. An insurance policy made out to John Robinson, of Philadelphia, was found in his pocket together with a pawn ticket for \$4, made out to G. Johnson, for a ring which was pawned in a Market street pawnshop yesterday. The police believe he pawned the ring to buy the revolver with which he ended his life.

The man had been dead only a few hours when found. He was about 5 feet 11 inches in height and was evidently in moderate circumstances. A \$1 bill, a pair of glasses and a memorandum book were also found in his possession.

NEW YEAR AT CITY HALL

Mayor Denies Report That Emergency Gang Would Have to Work. Mayor Blankenburg today branded as false rumors, evidently emanating from Organization sources, that per dem laborers in City Hall would be compelled to work on New Year's Day. A statement issued by the Mayor set forth:

"From information received from a working man in the Department of Public Works, I understand that a rumor has been circulated by whom I do not know that orders have been issued by that Department that all men in the emergency gang must work on New Year's Day. This, like so many similar rumors, is absolutely untrue. New Year's Day is a day holiday. Some of the emergency men will be required to work tomorrow, but all will be paid a full day's wages."



MRS. EDWIN C. GRICE. She is the chairman of the Women's Business Invitation Committee, a large organization of Christian women that is co-operating with the general committee to interest thousands of girls and women in the tabernacle meetings. It is estimated that 100,000 or more men and women will "hit the trail" during the meetings which begin on Sunday.

SUICIDE OF HEIRESS DUE TO NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Police Inquiry Into Atlantic City Hotel Suicide So Declares. ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 31.—Police officers, after a purely perfunctory investigation, today released the body of Miss Marian Howard, the beautiful St. Louis heiress, who ended her life in the bathroom of a handsome suite in the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel yesterday by shooting herself in the head.

Acting County Physician Leonard, who conducted the inquiry upon behalf of the police, accepted the statements made by Miss Howard's managers and Miss Helen Flad, aunt of the St. Louis belle, and certified that Miss Howard shot herself while mentally irresponsible for her action. Doctor Leonard said he had been informed Miss Howard's nervous system suffered a total breakdown some months ago. Thousands of dollars were spent for specialists, who failed to provide relief. Finally it was decided to send the beautiful girl here in charge of her aunt.

An element of mystery has been interjected into the case, however, by the statement that for a week past Miss Howard, who is said to have been the sole heir to an estate of \$500,000, had been in exceptional health and spirits. She made frequent long trips on the Boardwalk, returning with glowing spirits to declare she had never felt happier in her life. On Christmas Day she was the recipient of many letters. No one here is able to say whether an unfortunate love affair had anything to do with the tragic episode.

Miss Helen Flad, aunt of the dead girl, is in a state of nervous collapse and is unable to make any statement. Miss Howard's body was forwarded to St. Louis today.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—Miss Marian Frances Howard, daughter of the late Laeclde J. Howard, fire-brick manufacturer and inheritor of his \$500,000 estate, was the wealthiest young single woman in St. Louis.

Miss Howard had spent much of her time in musical study abroad since a court decision in June, 1912, gave her undisputed possession of her fortune. This decision followed one of the strangest law suits ever heard in a Western court, which continued for nine years. Soon after the death of Howard a suit against the estate was filed by Mrs. Mary Leafgreen, who called herself Howard's widow. She lost the suit.

DANDY BILL STARTS TRIP OVER HILL TO POORHOUSE

Former Pride of East Girard Avenue Seeks Home at Blockley. "Dandy Bill" Hutton, once the sartorial pride of the district about the East Girard avenue police station, said farewell to his fame today and started to walk to Blockley. Hutton is 62 years old, but he looks older. Two months ago his son Jerry was drowned in the lower Delaware from a tigonut.

A photograph at the station house was playing "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" when Turnkey Graham stirred the gaunt old man with his foot this morning and aroused him. "Dandy Bill" put on his battered hat as he slouched into the railroad, but he took it off again and wept silently when he heard the old song.

STREET LIGHTING TO COST \$1,250,000; CONTRACT SIGNED

City Will Use Philadelphia Electric Company's Current in Next Year at Old Rate. Negotiations for the city lighting in 1915 ended today with the Philadelphia Electric Company signing contracts to light Philadelphia for the same cost as during the past year.

Mayor Blankenburg announced today that he favors the construction of a city-owned electric plant and declared it would be beneficial. His announcement had hardly been on the street when officials of the Philadelphia Electric Company signed the 1915 contract. This allows the company \$321 per lamp or a total of \$1,250,000 for lighting the entire city.

The contracts will be returned to the Mayor and Director Porter tomorrow. The contract contains a proviso which sets forth that in case the Public Service Commission declares the present rate excessive and orders a reduction the city shall be rebated in proportion to the reduction made. Neither side has relinquished its right to appeal the case to the Dauphin County Court.

MAYOR EXPLAINS PLANS. In discussing the subject prior to the company's action, the Mayor said: "I believe the money for the project could be obtained. The problem for constructing a plant to furnish electric current for the entire city would not have to be immediately solved. A plant could be constructed in units—a portion at a time."

The Mayor recently wrote a letter to Nathan J. Folwell, president of the Keystone Telephone Company, asking that a conference be arranged at which would be discussed the cost of renting the underground conduits of the Keystone Company by the city. The company has 350 miles of conduits extending to all sections of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Electric Company, which now has control of the city's lighting contract, has underground conduits only in the central city area of about five square miles.

PRESIDENT MCCALL'S STATEMENT. This afternoon Joseph B. McCall, president of the electric company, issued the following statement: "We have entered into a contract with the city of Philadelphia for the year 1915 for arc street lighting upon the prices, terms and conditions named in our proposal last June, and in accordance with the advertisement of the city for proposals for street lighting. The terms are the same as those contained in the contract for the year 1914. The contract, however, contains a clause that its execution shall not prevent either party from contending before the Public Service Commission that its terms may be modified. If, on the presentation of the facts, the commission shall determine any changes are essential, the changes authorized are to become effective as of January 1, 1915. We endeavor to do as agreed upon at the last hearing before the Public Service Commission, to come to an understanding with the city officials, but after several conferences we could not agree upon mutually satisfactory terms."

\$31,500 IN PRIVATE REQUESTS

Will of Lena Will Admitted to Probate Today. The estate of Lena Will, late of 800 North 45th street, amounting to \$31,500, is distributed in private bequests by her will admitted to probate today. Other will probated today are Ambrose Aman, 743 Sprague street, \$600; Henry C. Eddy, who died in the Policlinic Hospital, \$400; Mary A. Deperven, 1633 North 11th street, \$350; James E. News, 245 North 33d street, \$250.

Personal property of the estate of Henry Hentley has been appraised at \$59,001.11; Michael Kammerer at \$13,344.20; Louise Ray, \$537.50; Lizzie Willis, \$405.07; William F. Taylor, \$348.68; Elizabeth Green, \$221.30; Anna L. Paxson, \$270.51.

MURDER SUSPECT'S ORDEAL

Accused Negro Will Be Taken to Scene of Crime in New Jersey. "NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 31.—Henry Thomas, a Negro, arrested in Jenkintown recently and committed to the Montgomery County Jail on suspicion of being the murderer of Henry Bahmes, in New Brunswick, N. J., will be taken to the scene of the murder today on requisition papers. The chief of police of New Brunswick says he is the murderer. Thomas was selling shoes in Jenkintown when arrested.

LOCOMOTIVE OUTPUT SMALL

The Baldwin Locomotive Works produced 290 locomotives in the year just ended, compared with 265 in 1913. Besides this falling off in numbers, there was a marked decrease in the size of equipment ordered. The output was the smallest since 1905. The average number of workers employed was 5100 per week.

GREAT HOST NOW

Rush of Competitors for Trip to Panama Exposition Shows Remarkable Interest of the Public. Subscriptions to the EVENING LEDGER and PUBLIC LEDGER obtained by the men and women competitors in the contest to decide on 50 persons to be taken free of charge to the Panama-Pacific Exposition and the San Diego Exposition are pouring in so rapidly that the contest editor has his hands full recording the points for them.

The force of assistants keeping the score of points is constantly being increased to handle the work. Every day scores of new entries in the contest are received. Those who first saw the remarkable opportunity for a free trip to the Golden West are well up among the leaders, but the late entries are making up with hard work what they lost in time.

The contest promises to be one of the most hard fought of its kind ever conducted. This is as it should be, since no such prize ever has been offered by a newspaper or other organization. It is a prize that will be worth hundreds of dollars, not to one man or woman, but to 50.

When the contest closes at the end of May, 1915, the scores will be compared and the 50 men and women leaders will be sent free of charge to the two exhibitions of the West. Every one of the 50 will get the same accommodations, which means the best of everything to see. The route will touch many of the points of view that the great West missed by the average hurried tourist.

Expert guides will accompany the EVENING LEDGER-PUBLIC LEDGER prize winners, and all arrangements will be made in advance for the best accommodations. Full information may be obtained from the Contest Editor by telephone or mail.

MAGISTRATE SCANDAL MAY GO TO COURT

Continued from Page One. To clear the point, the matter will be brought into court and an opinion will be sought. The test case will be taken before Judge Sikes early in January. The court decides the practice of Doctor Renshaw's right to sit as a committing Magistrate in central station. Full information may be obtained from the Contest Editor by telephone or mail.

STEVENSON HITS BACK

Magistrate Stevenson today blamed politics and an old political foe as the cause of the attack, and questioned Magistrate Renshaw's right to sit as a committing Magistrate in central station. "I have not yet seen any decision from the court in this case," Magistrate Stevenson said. "I have not yet seen any decision from the court in this case."

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STATE WORTH \$62,743,876

Report of Commonwealth's Assets Made to Governor. HARRISBURG, Dec. 31.—The first complete inventory of the State's wealth has just been completed. In a report of the State property Commission, filed with Governor Fener, it is shown that the assets of the State amount to \$62,743,876. The commission was appointed by the Governor in order to find out what the State property was worth.

PORTER AGAIN CRITICISES

Tells of Case Where Persistent Offender Was Freed. Another case of the release of convicted prisoners before the expiration of their sentences was cited today by Director Porter in support of his statement that the work of the police department is hampered by the courts and magistrates. Director Porter's statement was directed against Judge Dougherty, who yesterday defended his associate judges for releasing disorderly characters. In defending the court Judge Dougherty had declared that the action of some policemen in making arrests was outrageous and often illegal.

In answer Director Porter today cited the case of Edna Sullivan, who had a long jail record, and was released after she had served three months of an 18-month sentence. It was the fourth time she had been convicted, he said, yet her sentence was cut after she had served less than one-sixth of it. After she was released the last time, Director Porter said, the Sullivan girl had seduced a woman probation officer whom she met on the street.

BLEASE TO EMPTY JAIL

South Carolina's Pardoning Governor Frees 55 Convicts. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 31.—Before he leaves office, it was reported today, Governor Cole L. Blease may pardon all of the 18 State prisoners remaining in the penitentiary. Today's pardon may be his New Year's gift today to 55 more convicts, making 110 his record for the week, and 184 since he became Governor. Among those who receive New Year's pardons are three State convicts, 112 in an attempted lynching.

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